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CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

Title

IMPREGNATED BODIES MADE OF EXPANDED GRAPHITE,

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SUCH BODIES AND SEALING ELEMENTS, FUEL CELL COMPONENTS AND HEAT-CONDUCTING

ELEMENTS FORMED OF THE BODIES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent 3,404,061 (Shane et al.), dated October 1, 1968;

U.S. Patent 3,494,382 (Shane et al.), dated February 10, 1970;

U.S. Patent 3,573,122 (Olstowski et al.), dated March 30, 1971;

U. S. Patent 4,265,952 (Caines), dated May 5, 1981;

U.S. Patent 4,729,910 (Fukuda et al.), dated March 8, 1988, which responds to Patent Abstracts of Japan 60 242 041 A2;

U.S. Patent 6,037,074 (Mercuri et al.), dated March 14, 2000;

German Patent Application DE 35 12 867 C2 (Fukuda et al.), dated June 25, 1987, reinforcing method for flexible graphite sheet, which responds to Patent Abstracts of Japan 60 242 041 A2;

German Patent Application DE 32 44 595 C2 (Hirschvogel), dated March 2, 1989, seal, which responds to U.K. Patent Application GB 2 131 500 A;



German published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 43 32 346 A1 (Linn), dated March 30, 1995, gasket;

European Patent Application 0 087 489 A1 (Hirschvogel), dated September 7, 1983, method for the production of expanded graphite particles;

PCT WO 98/09926 (Hoyes et al.), dated March 12, 1998;

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German Search Report;

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